

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-30 (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article comprising:

a substantially transparent body-faceable, liquid-permeable cover layer;  
a substantially transparent, liquid-impermeable barrier layer;  
a substantially transparent liquid absorbing absorbent system arranged between said cover layer and said barrier layer, wherein said absorbent system is substantially free of cellulosic material and comprises a mixture of a hot melt adhesive and a liquid-absorbing polymer.

32. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 31, wherein said absorbent system consists essentially of a substantially transparent liquid absorbing coating consisting essentially of said hot melt adhesive and said liquid-absorbing polymer.

33. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 31, further comprising:

a substantially transparent separating layer arranged between said cover layer and said absorbent system.

34. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 33, wherein said substantially transparent separating layer is free of fibrous material.

35. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 34, wherein said liquid-absorbing polymer comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

36. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 35, wherein the article has a light transmittance of greater than about 45%.

37. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 36, wherein the separating layer comprises a fibrous material having a denier in a range from about 1.5 denier per fiber (dpf) to about 15 dpf.